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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 5/1/2006 please amend the above-identified application as follows

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

Applicant respectfully requests a **telephone interview** to discuss the rejections of the independent claims prior to Examiner responding to the amendment.